

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

21 1. (Currently Amended) A device for at least one of reading information stored on an information plate (1) and ~~for~~ writing information on ~~an~~ the information plate (1), comprising:
a loading mechanism for loading and unloading the information plate (1), wherein the loading mechanism comprises at least one movable scanning lever (5) for detecting a position of the information plate (1) and guides arranged on two pivoting arms, ~~which~~ the lever is designed to contact ~~the~~ a plate edge of the information plate (1), and
~~in that~~ a position sensor ~~is provided~~ for supplying position information on the position of the information plate (1) in dependence on the position of the scanning lever (5).

2. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the position sensor ~~is constructed as~~ comprises a variable resistor (6), and ~~in that~~ wherein the scanning lever (5) changes the resistance of the variable resistor (6) in dependence on the position of the information plate (1).

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3. (Currently Amended) A device for at least one of reading information stored on an information plate (1), and ~~for~~ writing information on ~~an~~ the information plate (1), comprising:

a loading mechanism for loading and unloading the information plate (1), ~~including wherein~~
the loading mechanism comprises at least one movable scanning lever (5) for detecting a position of the information plate (1), ~~which~~ the lever is designed to contact ~~the~~ a plate edge of the information plate (1), and

a position sensor for supplying position information on the position of the information plate (1) in dependence on the position of the scanning lever (5), wherein the position sensor is ~~constructed as~~ comprises an electronic encoder switch, ~~and in that~~ wherein the scanning lever (5) changes ~~the~~ a code of the encoder switch in dependence on the position of the information plate (1).

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4. (Currently Amended) A device for at least one of reading information stored on an information plate (1), and ~~for~~ writing information on ~~an~~ the information plate (1), comprising:

a loading mechanism for loading and unloading the information plate (1), ~~including wherein~~ the loading mechanism comprises at least one movable scanning lever (5) for detecting a position of the information plate (1), ~~which the~~ the lever is designed to contact ~~the~~ a plate edge of the information plate (1), and

a position sensor for supplying position information on the position of the information plate (1) in dependence on the position of the scanning lever (5),

wherein the loading mechanism comprises two guides arranged on pivoting arms (4a, 4e) with grooves for the edge of the information plate (1),

~~in that wherein~~ one of the guides is constructed as comprises a transport wheel (2) which is drivable into rotation and the other guide comprises as a roller element (3),

~~in that wherein~~ the pivoting levers (4a, 4e) are coupled to one another,

~~in that wherein~~ the transport wheel (2) and the roller element (3) are pressable against the plate edge for the purpose of loading and unloading the information plate (1), and

~~in that wherein~~ the roller element (3) is journaled so as to be rotatable through an angular range and is prestressed against a stop under spring force.

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5. (New) A device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a control unit capable of receiving the position information from the position sensor and generating at least one of a start signal and a stop signal based on the position information; and

wherein the loading mechanism is capable of loading and unloading the information plate based on at least one of the start signal and the stop signal.

6. (New) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the scanning lever and one of the pivoting arms are journaled around a common pivot axis.

7. (New) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein one guide comprises a transport wheel and another guide comprises a roller element.

8. (New) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the information plate comprises one of a CD, a CD-ROM, and a DVD.

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9. (New) A device as claimed in claim 3, further comprising a control unit capable of receiving the position information from the position sensor and generating at least one of a start signal and a stop signal based on the position information; and

wherein the loading mechanism is capable of loading and unloading the information plate based on at least one of the start signal and the stop signal.

10. (New) A device as claimed in claim 3, wherein:
the loading mechanism comprises guides arranged on pivoting arms; and
the scanning lever and one of the pivoting arms are journaled around a common pivot axis.

11. (New) A device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the information plate comprises one of a CD, a CD-ROM, and a DVD.

12. (New) A device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the information plate comprises one of a CD, a CD-ROM, and a DVD.

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13. (New) A device as claimed in claim 4, further comprising a control unit capable of receiving the position information from the position sensor and generating at least one of a start signal and a stop signal based on the position information; and

wherein the loading mechanism is capable of loading and unloading the information plate based on at least one of the start signal and the stop signal.

14. (New) A method, comprising:
receiving an information plate at a roller element, the information plate rolling over the roller element;

detecting a position of the information plate using a scanning lever, the scanning lever having a scanning edge pressed against an edge of the information plate;

driving a transport wheel into rotation based on the detected position of the information plate;
exerting a tangential force on the edge of the information plate using the transport wheel; and
transporting the information plate into a loading device, the information plate supported by the transport wheel and a roller element.

15. (New) The method of Claim 14, wherein:
the transport wheel and the roller element are located on separate pivoting arms; and
the scanning lever and one of the pivoting arms are journaled around a common pivot axis.

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16. (New) The method of Claim 14, wherein detecting the position of the information plate using the scanning lever comprises changing a resistance of a variable resistor based on the position of the information plate.

17. (New) The method of Claim 16, further comprising:
receiving the changes in resistance at a control unit; and
controlling loading and unloading of the information plate using the received changes in resistance.

18. (New) The method of Claim 14, further comprising prestressing the scanning lever against the information plate using spring force.

19. (New) The method of Claim 18, wherein the spring force is provided by a torsion spring.

20. (New) The method of Claim 14, wherein the information plate comprises one of a CD, a CD-ROM, and a DVD.
